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than usual (Wednesday, not Tuesday).

There is bound to be a keen demand for next week's last 1984 ASW, so be early at your newsagent.

SOPER'S BIG

BY BRAD EARL

MARSHALL SOPER's struggle to help Sydney Olympic win National League honours could cost him a place in the Socceroo world tour squad.

Soper played a big role in Olympic's 2-1 Australian Conference Grand Final win over Sydney City on Sunday.

A favourite of the Olympic fans, he will be a key man in the club's bid to overcome South Melbourne in the national play-off on Wednesday and Sunday.

However, he is running the risk of aggravating a leg muscle injury on the eve of the Australian squad's departure.

A good tour would strengthen his chances of playing in Australia's World Cup matches next year.

He was called up by national coach Frank Arok for the World Soccer Series here in May-June.

The sometimes volatile player missed Olympic's two play-off matches prior to Sunday's Grand Final against Sydney City.

Soper sat on the bench until the 62nd minute, when coach Manfred Schaefer sent him into the action.

"I don't think I could

have lasted the full 90 minutes," Soper admitted after the match.

The hard-running, aggressive striker headed home the equalising goal in extra-time, and put Slickers goalkeeper Tony Pezzano under pressure leading to Mike Coady's winner.

Soper, who captained Olympic to their NSL Cup win last year, believes the Grand Final winners have yet to reach their potential.

"We're only a very young side," Soper said.

"Some of our younger players are overawed when it comes to the big matches, such as the Sydney City matches.

"I'm one of the experienced players in the team, and I'm only 24," he said.

SHOULD HE PLAY IN GRAND FINAL?

RISK



□ SYDNEY OLYMPIC attacker Jimmy Patikas is closely marked by Jean-Paul de Marigny during Sunday's NSL Australian Conference Grand Final, with de Marigny's Sydney City team-mate Alex Robertson in support.

AUSTRALIA IN SINGAPORE:

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EDITORIAL

SUPPORTERS of Sydney Olympic — or at least some of them — have proved once again that they cannot be trusted to behave at Soccer matches.

Sadly, they were up their old tricks once again when Olympic played Sydney City at St George Stadium in the semi-final of the Australian Conference.

Slickers goalkeeper Tony Pezzano was bombarded with coins and other objects, causing him to appeal to referee Peter Rampley for protection from the mob.

And coach Eddie Thomson was hit by a bottle.

These disgraceful happenings were not motivated by any apparent reason. Maybe the disgruntled fans feared, with good cause, that their team was going to suffer defeat.

Is that a good reason for hurling missiles? Of course not.

It is difficult to devise any way of preventing such hooliganism: the St George club has certainly done its best by erecting wire fencing around the pitch. But bottles and other things can be thrown over the fence — as Eddie Thomson painfully discovered.

The National League also tried to alleviate the problem by calling on about 25 policemen from four different stations to attend the match.

This may have helped but the police would prove a more fearsome deterrent if they moved in amongst the spectators to sort out the trouble-makers.

A Sydney City official complained: "The police seemed more concerned about watching the handful of 'skin-

heads' who support our team rather than the Olympic supporters who were throwing things. But those 'skin-heads' were not causing any problem at all."

In Scotland at the infamous matches between Rangers and Celtic, mounted police have been known to charge through the spectators on the terraces. Their horses strike the fear of death into football fans!

That is an extreme measure — not recommended until all else fails, even though it does bring the desired results.

In Europe, it is accepted as normal for German Shepherd dogs, accompanied by police handlers, to patrol the track around the playing pitch.

The dogs rarely attack anyone but they carry a nasty bite should any spectator be unwise enough to climb over the fence to the playing area.

Australian Soccer probably does not need police dogs or horses to keep the peace at matches. There are rarely enough spectators to warrant it.

The long-term answer ... and it is the ONLY answer ... is the education of spectators.

The thugs and hooligans must be taught that crowd violence is not wanted, that it is reprehensible to the vast majority of people attending matches and that it is a practice indulged in only by idiots.

When that message finally sinks in — and it might take a long time — Soccer in Australia will start to entice its missing fans back to matches.

Let nobody doubt that misbehaviour by a minority of spectators has driven many thousands of people away from the game.

The message to the hooligans is ... clean up your act or stay at home.

RATCLIFFE SET FOR BIG TOUR

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

AUSTRALIAN centre-back David Ratcliffe has dispelled fears that a knee injury will prevent him from touring the world with the Socceroos next month.

Ratcliffe, like Sydney City's versatile defender Jimmy Cant, was considered a certainty to miss the tour.

Disappointingly, Cant failed to recover from injury but Ratcliffe has surprised many with his speedy recovery.

It was touch and go whether Ratcliffe would be selected in the squad after

missing most of St George's club matches in the second round of the NSL.

Ratcliffe had other ideas. "I thought there could be problems about making the tour when I suffered the injury," he said.

"This injury has forced me to stop working but it's

given me the chance to work on it full-time.

"Nothing will stop me making the tour," Ratcliffe added.

Ratcliffe has proved to be one of the most valuable players to wear the green and gold in the last two years.

Last year he rose to prominence during the series against England with some sterling performances against top-class opposition.

In fact, England world-class striker Terry Francis still hasn't recovered from his duels with the lanky defender!

During this year's World Soccer Series, Ratcliffe was put to the test.

Against Juventus he gave 1982 World Cup star Paolo Rossi no room to move and Rossi failed to score a goal. At the end of the series Rossi complimented Ratcliffe's performances.

Once again Ratcliffe will play a big part for Australia on their important world tour and no-one doubts he will surprise many opponents with his tenacious and determined style of play.



□ DAVID RATCLIFFE

CAMPBELL READY FOR BIG-TIME

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

AUSTRALIAN World Cup star Ernie Campbell wants to enter the coaching field — preferably in the National Soccer League.

Rated as one of Australia's best strikers of the last 20 years, Campbell has a fine background in Soccer.

In fact, the 34-year-old area sales manager for Rokset Industries has played in 10 NSW Grand Finals!

Although Campbell hasn't coached a club, he is confident of succeeding.

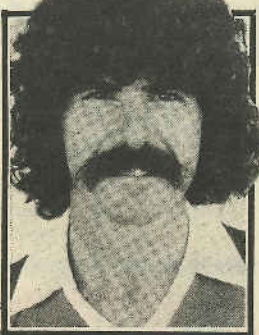
"I want to put something back into the game," he

said.

"I'm still playing Soccer but feel that coaching is the next direction I should take.

"Although coaching is a dangerous profession I'm pretty sure I would succeed," Campbell added.

One club that Campbell would like to coach is St George — the club he left in 1982 after helping them win the 1981 NSW Grand Final.



□ ERNIE CAMPBELL

"It was great to score the winning goal in the Grand Final against Croatia," Campbell said.

"My loyalties are at St George. I've always had a soft spot for the club.

"I'd be interested if there was a vacancy there."

St George have been well looked after in recent years by national coach Frank Arok — currently preparing for the Australian team's world tour next month.

Understandably, Arok wasn't prepared to discuss his future with St George.

"I wouldn't prefer to discuss my position right now. It's up to my employers," he said.

"I've got ideas on how to fulfill my commitments but I'll have to check with St George after the world tour.

"The most important thing is the preparation of the Australian team for our World Cup qualifying games," Arok added.



On the club scene Arok has enjoyed mixed fortunes during the past two years.

Last season St George won the National League in spectacular fashion with victory in the last round.

This year it's been a different story.

Saints escaped the drop into the NSW State League during the last few rounds of the competition but their cause wasn't helped with injuries to key players.

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□ ABOVE: Campbell in action in the 1981 NSW Grand Final against Croatia full-back Alex Kovacic. The former Socceroo striker scored the winning goal for St George.

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ALL WELCOME — SOCCER CLINIC OPERATING

HOMAGE PAID TO 'UNCLE JOE'



THERE was a wonderful roll-up of Soccer lovers at the Canterbury-Marrickville club near Sydney Airport last week to pay tribute to former Australian national coach Joe Vlasits.

Response to the invitation was enormous and about 300 people filled the large auditorium of the club.

BY DAVID JACK

The top table included big names such as the NSW Minister of Sport Michael Cleary, Sir Arthur George, John Constantine, Jim Bayutti, Peter McCann and Gaston Bauer.

Master of Ceremonies was old friend Martin Royal, recently returned from an extended holiday (12 months) in England, and, as usual Martin produced the goods with a typically professional performance.

But the whole evening was dominated by the figure of "Uncle Joe" who said he and his wife were extremely grateful for all the kind things said about them by the vast horde of speakers.

There were, in fact, 18 speeches. Even to honour a man like Joe Vlasits, that list of speakers was over-long. However, when so many people want to pay a tribute to a guest of honour, they are not easily dissuaded!

Most speakers were brief and to the point so what might have developed into a tedious never-ending night of talk, was, in fact, an

enjoyable experience.

Despite the very large attendance, there were several well-known faces missing... in particular most of the players who were in Uncle Joe's so-successful Australian national team on the 1967 and 1969 tours.

But we saw Johnny Watkiss, Johnny Warren and Manfred Schaefer there to carry the flag.

The function was organised by Les Fairclough, vice-president of the NSW Soccer Federation, to whom a big vote of thanks should go. Les did a fine job.

It is a measure of Joe

Vlasits' esteem in the Soccer community that so many nice things were said by so many people about this one man.

Nobody else in Australian Soccer could ever attract so many compliments and that is, probably, the most significant point about the Vlasits testimonial night.

In other words, there is only one Uncle Joe. Long may he enjoy his retirement.

Joe Vlasits asked ASW to thank the large number of his friends who attended his Testimonial. We do so with pleasure.

COUNT-DOWN IS ON FOR AWARD

IT won't be long now. On Friday night at the Journalists Club in Sydney, the New South Wales members of the Australian Soccer Press Association (ASPA) will name their State "Player of the Year."

And he'll leave the club with a magnificent prize — an AWA hi-fi stereo sound system with twin cassettes.

The award for the State's top player has been supplied by Radio Rentals who are sponsoring it for the second successive year.

In 1983, the winner Phil O'Connor was presented with a portable colour TV by Radio Rentals.

Phil is among the former winners of the "Player of the Year" honour who have been invited on Friday.

These include Doug Utjesenovic, Peter Stone, Joe Watson and Ian Souness.

O'Connor cannot be optimistic about winning the big prize for the second



FLASHBACK to 1981 when Ian Souness was named NSW Player of the Year. He receives his award from then ASPA president, Ted Simmons.

successive year because his appearances this year for Blacktown have been

severely restricted by serious injury. The three top vote-

getters will be invited to the dinner, but the name of the actual winner will not be divulged until the actual presentation is made by ASPA president Lino Vella.

CASH FOR ADCITY'S 1985 CAMPAIGN

BY TOM MCKAIN

ADELAIDE CITY appears to have solved its financial woes and is heading back into the black for next season with a minimum \$110,000 sponsorship.

A new sponsorship deal has given the club hope for the future — a cheque for \$20,000 cash and more to come from new sponsor Fairmont Homes.

The company has handed over the money and joined the club in forming a special committee to launch a unique scheme.

"We will build a home with voluntary labour from club members, who are in the building trade, and the major slice of the profit will go to Adelaide City," said Fairmont Homes managing director, Gordon Pickard, at the special function organised by the club.

With \$30,000 to continue from Boral, and an incentive scheme from Adelaide Pest Control which will again guarantee a minimum \$22,000, City are off and running for 1985.

"Depending on the economic climate there is no reason why we cannot handle two houses in a

season," said City president Charlie Caruso.

The first meeting of club members after the Fairmont deal was announced brought a tremendous response.

"There is no lack of volunteers and all we need is the site from Fairmont and the plans and we will be on our way," said City football manager Bob D'Ottavi.

The club is looking at \$130,000 from its major sponsors with the Fairmont deal providing most, if the current demand for housing in South Australia continues at its present rate.

The club also has a \$10,000 deal with Thai Airways to provide flights for any overseas players coming to Australia and returning home.

This covers the club for visa players or any guests they may fly in for 1985.

"We can now officially say we will be looking to strengthen the club on the

playing side as soon as possible," said Mr Caruso.

"I think our team did a magnificent job under the circumstances, as it was no secret we had to make do with a shoestring squad.

"However, coach Edmond Kreft and his players gave it all they had, and seventh wasn't such a bad position considering we bought no 'name' players." Kreft has still to be reappointed coach, and won't comment on his future.

However, the annual general meeting is scheduled for the first Sunday in November, and with the promise of cash to boost his squad, it is expected Kreft will accept the chance to remain with City.

He has made no secret of the fact that he was upset when no new signings were made and players like Neil Banfield, Stuart Blair, Glenn Dods and Les Carter were allowed to leave the club.



DOUG UTJESENOVIC: former winner.

There is sure to be considerable support for players who have helped lift their respective clubs to the NSL semi-finals, but I have a feeling the Radio Rentals stereo prize could go to a goalkeeper.

Tony Pezzano and Gary Meier have both enjoyed an outstanding 1984 and I am sure either would prove a popular winner.

But tradition is against this. In ASPA contests, there has never been a goalkeeper winner!

There may still be a few dinner tickets left at \$20 a head. Any ASPA members or other Soccer folk who want to attend on Friday night should phone John Economos on 660-2033.

But please don't delay.

CHIT HAT



PARRAMATTA MELITA have applied for readmission to the National Soccer League after finishing in the relegation position.

Inter-Monaro won promotion as State League champions, but Melita have filed their application in the event of any club being unable to meet their commitments to the NSL.

According to Melita president Emmanuel Said, no decision on the coaching position will be made until the club know which League they will be playing in next year.

OSCAR CRINO, the South Melbourne midfielder, had a good week recently.

Firstly, he was the star of Australia's training match against the Tasmanian State side, and then he was named in the Socceroo world tour squad.

He also took out the Victorian Player of the Year award and then set up two goals to put South Melbourne into the National Conference Grand Final.

National coach Frank Arok will put Crino under the microscope on the world tour.

"He has exceptional skill, and now he is in the company of players who are at his level," Arok said.

BEFORE last Sunday's Olympic v Sydney City NSL Grand Final, we asked an Olympic player for his forecast of how the game might go.

"We've been warned by Manfred Schaefer not to answer those sort of questions," said the player.

Is the game getting a bit too serious?

WOLLONGONG CITY coach Adrian Alston is trying to do a "Malcolm Allison".

Alston has been seen recently driving around Wollongong in a Mercedes Benz.

"We're not doing very well in the League, but the coach has to try to keep up a good image," Alston said when quizzed about his new car.

Assistant coach Terry Hurley said if he drives a "Merc" around when the team is running last, he hates to think what he would own if they made the play-off series!

WHEN Sydney Olympic practice taking penalty kicks, the best man at the job is Peter Katholos.

All of which heightens the mystery over "Kat's" dreadful missed penalties during recent weeks!

"He never misses spot kicks at training," said coach Manfred Schaefer.

DESPITE Wollongong City's unsuccessful attempt to raise much-needed cash with a rock concert, Penrith City are banking on making money with a concert next year.

However, Penrith claim their effort will succeed, and they will ensure the concert will not clash with any other big event.

Wollongong's concert coincided with live television coverage of the James Hardie 1000 Bathurst car race.

LEICHHARDT midfielder Peter Tredinnick certainly won't forget his team's semi-final loss to Sydney Olympic last week.

A full-time university student, Tredinnick shares a flat with Sydney Olympic's Gary Phillips.

One wonders what the breakfast conversation would have been the morning after the game!

CANBERRA ARROWS president Charles Perkins has circulated a document which can only be described as "dynamite."

In it, Perkins pours the bucket on virtually all of Australia's Soccer administrators.

"Soccer is a major sport and big business — not a plaything of geriatric or incompetent administrators," writes Perkins.

Another gem from his document: "The image of Soccer in this country is poor. There is an organised conspiracy against Soccer."

The Arrows boss also writes: "We have been deceived by con-men and charlatans."

There is plenty of this stuff, indicating that Charles Perkins, a great fighter for Aboriginal rights, is ready to go to war against Soccer officialdom just as energetically.

IF all else has failed, Wollongong have come up with two top defensive players for next season.

Switched from striker, Scott Dickson did a great job at sweeper midway through the season and attracted attention from at least two other clubs.

His height and fine ball distribution make him a fine all-round player.

When the team lost Dickson for their last six games through illness, Alston produced Jamie Dummett in the role and he also has done very well.

Both are keen to stay with Wollongong next season.

WHEN Craig Johnston returned to Liverpool, he found the English champion club had changed in many ways.

Perhaps the biggest surprise was to find the gifted Ken Dalglish playing in the reserves — but still wanted for Scotland's World Cup team!



WILLIE McNALLY (pictured) is expected to remain with Adelaide City for 1985, despite reports he was returning to Perth.

"Willie will go home for a holiday but we expect him to return," said City team manager Bob D'Ottavi.

"We did have Queensland goalkeeper Paul Drury training with us while he was on holiday, but he has not been signed, and we have no plans for him to join us at this stage."

AT the big Joe Vlasits testimonial night in Sydney, one of the speakers, former Australian Soccer Federation secretary Ian McAndrew, provided an amazing comparison between touring costs ... then and now.

Said McAndrew: "When Uncle Joe took the Australian national team to Asia in 1967, winning 10 matches out of 10, the cost of the entire trip was a little more than \$7,000."

This year, the Socceroos are again going on tour — and it could cost as much as \$7,000 for EACH MEMBER of the 29-strong tour party!

WELL-KNOWN swimming coach Jack Stutsell, a keen Soccer follower, reminded ASW about the unusual three-sports Burke family.

Said Jack: "When I

was a kid in Leichhardt, one of my idols was Tommy Burke, a super Soccer player for Annandale in the 1930s. His son Peter Burke played Rugby League for Manly and Australia. Now Tommy's grandson Matt Burke has gone to England as a key player in the Wallaby Rugby Union squad."

Maybe the next Burke will favour Australian Rules!

HAS the time arrived for clubs in Australia to build dug-outs for coaches, substitute players and physios on the lines of those so popular in England?

The suggestion comes from the National Soccer League.

ASW is sure Sydney City coach Eddie Thomson would support the idea ... after being hit on the back by a bottle thrown from the St George grandstand.



LEICHHARDT's Peter Tredinnick (right) is tackled by flat-mate and Sydney Olympic midfielder, Gary Phillips.

DAILY TELEGRAPH Soccer reporter John Taylor is on the road to recovery after a recent operation in the North Sydney Mater Hospital.

ASW wishes John a speedy recovery.

SYDNEY CITY goalkeeper Tony Pezzano was the target of the Sydney Olympic fans during the penalty shootout which decided the Australian Conference semi-final.

After the match, Pezzano joked: "One fan threw a can of beer at me, but it wasn't my brand so I threw it back!"

Pezzano reckons Olympic fans should be issued with a supply of cotton-wool balls when they attend matches.

"They could throw them at goalkeepers and it wouldn't hurt nearly as much as oranges or coins," cracked Pezzano.



TONY PEZZANO makes a save for Australia in the World Soccer Series match against Manchester United.



OSCAR CRINO: good week.



ROUND UP



□ SYDNEY OLYMPIC fans pictured on the "hill" behind the northern goal at St George Stadium.

IT'S NOT ALL THAT BAD ON THE HILL!

SAYS ANDREW PASCHALIDIS
(who tried it)

MIKE COADY's winning goal for Sydney Olympic heralded the start of a wild celebration amongst the Olympic supporters — particularly on the northern hill at St George Stadium.

The familiar chant of "O-lym-pic, O-lym-pic" rang throughout the 13,866 crowd.

And the wildest celebrations were on the "Olympic Hill" at the back of the northern goalmouth.

Spending an afternoon on the hill with the predominantly young crowd of Sydney Olympic "hooligans" is not as bad as many people think.

In recent matches, there has been some spectator violence and no-one can condone the actions of an ultra-aggressive minority.

The only downer in Sunday afternoon's events occurred near the end of the first half and early into the second period.

Sydney City coach Eddie Thomson suffered a nasty blow to the kidneys when a full can hit him minutes before the break.

During the opening stages of the second half, a couple of young supporters thought it was clever to throw missiles at Sydney City goalie Tony Pezzano.

Despite these and other incidents which continually plague Soccer matches throughout the world, one is captivated by the enthusiasm generated from the Olympic crowd.

Thomson feels the same way.

"I wish we had such a large crowd following week in week out," he said. "We would go through the competition undefeated."

"Olympic were boosted by this huge crowd," Thomson added.

It seems the mannerisms of Soccer crowds in England have been quickly picked up by the Olympic group.

Always keen to spur their team on, it wasn't surprising to hear them chant "we want a goal" seconds after the start of play.

Competition is something they love and moments after the Sydney City "skinheads" burst out with their familiar "City, City" cry on the opposite side of the field, the Olympic supporters responded with a barrage of catchy jingles.

As the game wore on the crowd became restless. During the half-time break groups of 20 or so commenced their usual "human push". At times this can be dangerous but luckily no-one suffered any injury.

With Sydney City defending the northern goal in the second half I expected a barrage a verbal abuse. I wasn't disappointed.

Pezzano seemed to be the main target of the crowd as did tenacious defender Gerry Gomez. Whenever these players touched the ball they were greeted with loud cat-calls.

One young Olympic supporter, in between his loud cheering and shouting, asked me why I wasn't involved in the crowd activities.

"What sort of Sydney Olympic supporter are you?" he asked.

"Don't you have any guts? Why don't you cheer for the number one side in Australia?"

Olympic weren't the number one side yet. The score was locked at 0-0 and the game needed some fire.

As soon as Olympic's Australian striker Marshall Soper took off his tracksuit and warmed up on the sideline, the "Hill" went delirious. They love match-winners and Soper fits the bill.

To the surprise of the large crowd, City broke the deadlock and the usually vocal crowd were shocked into silence.

Then came Soper's crisp header and Coady's winner in the second period of extra-time and the enthusiasm of the hill crowd ignited everyone.

To many, the victory came as a great surprise. But one supporter didn't think so.

"Olympic have finally become the giant they deserve to be," John Petropoulos said.

Maybe, maybe not... only the future will tell.

One thing is for certain, the large Olympic crowd is needed in Australian Soccer.

OLYMPIC FANS 30-YEAR WAIT

BY DAVID JACK

SYDNEY OLYMPIC finally made it — New South Wales Grand Final winners after waiting 30 years for the honour.

As might be expected, Olympic fans went wild after seeing their beloved side beat Sydney City Slickers 2-1 after extra-time at St George Stadium.

There were 13,866 spectators at the match and, judging by the mood of those people, about 13,000 appeared to be supporting Olympic. That sort of encouragement has to be worth at least a goal start.

But the goal start went to

Slickers, coming 10 minutes into extra-time after the teams finished the normal 90 minutes goal-less.

Joe Watson sent over one of his best inswinger corner kicks which was flicked on by skipper Murray Barnes for Steve O'Connor to add the finishing touch.

It was the first time Slickers had looked dangerous — apart from when they "scored" an offside goal after 39 minutes.

All the front-of-goal danger had been supplied by Olympic, starting with a big chance for Peter Katholos in the 23rd minute, saved by Tony Pezzano.

Into the second half, Jimmy Patikas had a good run but finished by shooting wide when he could have scored and Marshall Soper broke clear in the middle and flicked a shot over Pezzano but also over the goal.

Judged just on scoring chances, this was Sydney Olympic's day without a doubt, which is why they felt hard done by when O'Connor gave Slickers the lead.

Four minutes after Slickers' goal, Soper, with a super header, beat Pezzano for the equaliser after a pass from Chris Kalantzis.

It was a "double substitute" goal because both Soper and Kalantzis had been brought on at the right time by coach Manfred Schaefer.

Once the equalising goal had gone in, Olympic proved unbeatable.

But they had to wait until five minutes before the end of extra-time before getting the goal which sent all their Greek supporters wild with delight.

It came from a Katholos corner kick and as the ball bobbed about in front of Slickers goal, defender Mick Coady forced it over the line for the winner.

The only black mark on this thrilling game was the repetition of missile-throwing by a minority of Olympic fans. This time it was a full can which hit Sydney City coach Eddie Thomson on the back — a week earlier it was a bottle!

"In the UK, they're talking about deducting points from clubs which cannot control their supporters — it's time we tried something that drastic here," said Thomson.

Thomson, though, did not deny Olympic's superiority on the day.

"They fought well and played well and deserved their win," said Eddie.

So now it's on to the national play-off between Olympic and South Melbourne, a two-legged affair.

Schaefer says he is happy to be facing the away match first because he and his players will know exactly what they must do in the second leg in Sydney next Sunday.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier, Rogers (Soper 61), Jennings, Dakos, Coady, Phillips, Ras-kopoulos, Patikas, Theodorakopoulos, Katholos, Koussas (Kalantzis 95).

SYDNEY CITY: Pezzano, Gomez, Robertson, O'Connor, de Marigny (K.Falconer 77), Kay, Watson, Barnes, Lee, Kosmina, P.Falconer (Fletcher 65).

REFEREE: C. Bambridge.

CROWD: 13,866.

PORTUGAL

Benfica v Setubal	4-3
Boavista v Guimaraes	0-0
Rio Ave v Academica	1-0
Porto v Farense	5-0
Braga v S'Gueiros	4-0
Vizela v Varzim	1-1
B'nenses v Penafiel	2-1
P'nense v Sporting	0-0



□ EDDIE THOMSON pictured after being struck in the back by a can.



□ SYDNEY CITY captain John Kosmina and Olympic defender Mike Coady are about to tackle in the Grand Final.

ROUND UP



MELITA'S SUCCESS

BY ALISTAIR RUSSELL

PRE-MATCH favourites Parramatta Melita Eagles recovered some lost pride for their club when they outclassed a disappointing St George to win 2-1 in the National Youth League Grand Final.

In the 23rd minute, Lindsay Johnston fired Melita into the lead. Picking up a loose ball on the edge of the box he ran at Warwick Young before slipping a shot beneath the keeper's body.

St George were fortunate not to concede a penalty in the 36th minute when Paul Andricopoulos appeared to be upended inside the area.

However, Melita made up for that two minutes later when they increased their lead. Andy Callanan misused his shot inside the Saints penalty area and it took a lucky deflection off Michael Tooma from close range.

Right on half-time, Saints narrowed the gap through Peter Petkovski when Melita failed to clear a corner kick.

But it was becoming apparent that this was to be the Eagles' day, and they weathered the storm to take out the title with their excellent first half performance.

They will now meet South Melbourne for the national title on Sunday.

MELITA: Londos, Smith, Williams, Barrios, Alexakis, Johnston, Tooma (Radinkovic), Callanan, Vial, Whiteside, Andricopoulos.

ST GEORGE: Young, Spirovski (Pappas), Danaskos, Zantides, Moffitt, Synos, Petrovski, High, Polias (Watson), Ricoy, Batten.



□ SYDNEY OLYMPIC defender Mike Coady closes in on Leichhardt's Kerry Caban in the Australian Conference final at St George Stadium.

PHOTOS: DAVID JELLINGS

CREDIT TO SCHAEFER

BY BRAD EARL

MANFRED SCHAEFER has been Sydney Olympic's most successful coach in the eight years of National League football, and his team's 3-0 win over Leichhardt in the final must have satisfied him.

With several players going into the match feeling the effects of a rugged week, they showed the look of steel that Schaefer has given them in just over a year in charge.

It wasn't a spectacular win: the blustery conditions made sure of that.

But here was an Olympic midfield and back-four that formed an impregnable defence, without affecting their undoubted attacking ability.

Peter Raskopoulos, Peter Katholos and Gary Phillips won control of the midfield against Leichhardt's well-regarded trio of Ian Gray, Peter Tredinnick and Terry Butler, who was hampered by a knock he received against Marconi.

Only once was Olympic goalkeeper Gary Meier tested with a shot, when he kept out a Gray drive in the 24th minute.

Olympic opened the scoring after 41 minutes when Nick Theodorakopoulos cut the ball back from the byline and Raskopoulos flicked it wide of keeper Bobby Parks.

They went to 2-0 in the 70th minute. Leichhardt could only clear a corner as far as Tony Dakos on the edge of the box, who headed the ball back in for Chris Kalantzis to strike.

Kalantzis was involved in the 89th minute when his run on the left drew Parks, and he played the ball into the centre for Patikas to push it into the empty goal.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier; Rogers, Jennings, Dakos (Lambropoulos 72), Coady; Phillips, Raskopoulos, Katholos; Patikas, Theodorakopoulos, Kalantzis.

LEICHHARDT: Parks; Bozanic, Brown, Bertogna, Pullen; Gray, Butler (de Ceglie 81), Tredinnick; Bradley, Caban, Morsello (Colagiuri 58).

REFEREE: G. Power.
CROWD: 4,930.

All the action in the National Conference

SOUTHS FEAST

BY CON NIKOLOPOULOS

"EAT these Bergers alive" read the banner held aloft by South Melbourne supporters prior to the dramatic National Conference Grand Final.

And that's what South Melbourne players did for their fourth win over Heidelberg United this season.

South came back twice in a match that produced a lot of thrills to record a spectacular 4-2 win and secure a berth in the national play-off against Sydney Olympic.

The turning point in the game came in the 47th minute when referee Doug Rennie dismissed international sweeper Charlie Yankos for a foul tackle on Oscar Crino.

Having previously been cautioned by Rennie, Yankos made his way to the dressing room, leaving a tremendous void in Heidelberg's defence.

It was the second time Yankos has been sent off in a crucial game against arch-rivals South Melbourne this season.

The underdogs, Heidelberg, got off to a dream start with a great goal by Mike Petersen.

With both defences extremely suspect under pressure, it became obvious that more goals were to follow.

This time South Melbourne took their turn, levelling the score through Alan Davidson in the 16th minute.

Unperturbed, Heidelberg maintained the momentum they had gathered since

the opening quarter of the game and went to the lead for the second time after 38 minutes when Stuart Stevenson flicked in a Steve Winn header.

Heidelberg looked certain winners at the beginning of the second period, aggressively applying more pressure to their opponents.

Souths relied on long balls to break away, and it was one of these clearances that resulted in Yankos fouling Crino, with Rennie giving the Heidelberg defender his marching orders.

South Melbourne exploited the defensive weakness created by Yankos' absence and pushed forward with all their might.

Crino copied Petersen's earlier goal in the 59th minute by hammering the ball into the net from 30 metres.

That was the beginning of the end for Heidelberg as they packed themselves in defence to prevent Souths from scoring the winner.

However, the inevitable happened in the 80th minute when captain John Yzendoorn came from nowhere to head in a corner from Doug Brown.

South Melbourne put the result beyond doubt four minutes from full-time when Ken Murphy sent Charlie Egan through, and

the wee striker cut the ball square to Crino who side-footed it into the net.

Heidelberg coach Brian Garvey blamed referee Doug Rennie for inconsistent application of the Laws.

"The referee had no hesitation in sending Yankos off the field for infringing the Laws," he said. "But he did not apply the same Laws when Crino was in a similar situation some minutes later."

"This inconsistency of application of the Laws of the Game destroys the image of our referees," stated Garvey.

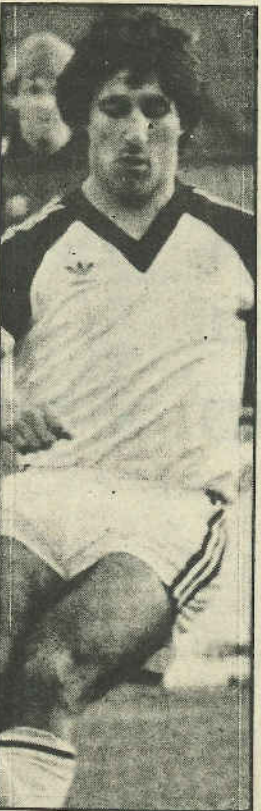
South Melbourne coach Len McKendry commented: "Yankos' departure helped us in the second half, but we had no fears about winning the game even when Yankos was on the field, because we were improving after equalising in the first half."

"I am glad that both major NSL titles to come to Melbourne have been won by teams under my instruction," he said.

In 1980 McKendry was in charge of Heidelberg when they won the Top Four Cup by defeating Sydney City in Canberra.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumets, Russell, Postecoglou, Yzendoorn, Blair, Davidson (Kanesoulis 86), Halford, Crino, Brown,

Murphy.
HEIDELBERG: Olver, McKie, Marley, Yankos, McLeod, Angele, Valentine (Tasios 82), Selemidis, Petersen, Stevenson, Winn (Patterson 82).
REFEREE: D. Rennie.
CROWD: 13,280.



□ CHARLIE YANKOS

SUPERB BERGERS KILL CROATIA

BY CON NIKOLOPOULOS

HEIDELBERG UNITED ended Melbourne Croatia's hopes of reaching the National Conference Grand Final with an inspiring 3-1 win in the final.

Heidelberg looked well in control throughout proceedings and were inspired by a brilliant hat-trick from striker Stuart Stevenson.

After only five minutes a mix-up in the Croatia defence saw Stevenson beat goalkeeper Yakka Banovic with a confident drive into goal.

Heidelberg maintained their impetus and it wasn't surprising to see them move further ahead in the 35th minute. A pin-point cross from defender Ian McKie was superbly headed into goal by Stevenson.

Heidelberg wrapped up the game in the 44th minute when a shot from Mike Valentine was blocked by Banovic but Stevenson was on hand to slam home the rebound.

During the second half Croatia looked the better side. A strenuous semi-final programme in recent weeks looked like taking its toll on Heidelberg.

Croatia's forward persistence paid off when David Brogan narrowed the scoreline in the 72nd minute from the penalty spot.

Some strong defensive work from Heidelberg dur-

ing the dying stages of the second half kept Croatia at bay.

Heidelberg's best players were defenders Charlie Yankos, McKie and Steve Marley, captain Theo Selemidis and Stevenson.

HEIDELBERG: Olver, McKie, Marley, Angele, Yankos, MacLeod, Valentine, Selemidis, Petersen, Winn, Stevenson.

MELB CROATIA: Banovic, Curcio, Parton, Lewis, Deankovic (Hannah 52), Antolovic, Campbell, Biskic, Gojevic, Brogan, Cumming.

REFEREE: J. Fearn.



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NO DUTCH TREAT FOR AUSTRALIA

AUSTRALIA, after a bright start with two wins, came unstuck badly in their third match in Singapore's Merlion Cup.

The Australians suffered a bad 5-2 defeat against a side which has been labelled "Netherlands Amateurs."

But the score was only 3-2 with 10 minutes to play when the Soccerroo defence conceded two late goals to make the scoreland look a little embarrassing.

The Australians actually

opened the scoring after only 11 minutes when Sean Ingham gave a ball to John Panagis who made it 1-0.

Seven minutes later, Holland equalised through Chusi Reglero from close in.

The Dutchmen moved in front eight minutes after half-time, the scorer being Peter Scheepers who beat

deputy goalkeeper Paul Jones from 12 metres.

Andy Bernal supplied an Australian equalising goal from a penalty kick after Ingham had been fouled by Anno de Kliene.

But the Dutch team again came back strongly for Freddie Prinj to make the score 3-2 after 70 minutes.

Then came the late goals

— scorers de Kliene and Prinj — to give Holland a convincing victory.

Semi-final line-up is Australia v Iraq and Holland v South Korea.

Iraq, with three wins in three outings and seven goals against only one, could be rated the strongest team in the Cup, so prospects for Australia reaching the final are not good.



□ JOHN MIHAILIDIS

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SHOULDER'S KIDS BEAT SINGAPORE

AUSTRALIA qualified for the semi-finals of the Merlion Cup tournament in Singapore, beating host nation Singapore 1-0.

Coach Jimmy Shoulder was delighted with the result after appearing sensitive to criticism of the ability of the young team selected to represent Australia.

Shoulder will not concede that he took a weak team to Singapore and the two victories in two matches seems to justify his faith in the squad.

Against Singapore, Australia's morale was boosted by an early goal to set them on the road to success.

The goal came after a corner kick from John Mihailides and was scored by defender Andy Bernal. That vital goal arrived in the fifth minute of the match.

In the second half, Singapore's frustrations erupted in some tackles which did not meet with the approval of the referee. Two players, Suriamurthi and team captain Malek Awab, were sent off.

The victory was most important for an Australian team which has been making the wrong sort of headlines in the past few days. Local newspapers have made much of an incident involving one of the Australian players during a shopping expedition in Singapore.

MERLION CUP TABLES

GROUP A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Holland	3	3	0	0	10	3	6
Australia	3	2	0	1	5	6	4
Singapore	2	0	0	2	1	3	0
Indonesia	2	0	0	2	1	5	0

GROUP B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Iraq	3	3	0	0	7	1	6
South Korea	3	1	1	1	5	6	3
Argentina	3	1	1	1	3	4	3
Chile	3	0	0	3	2	6	0

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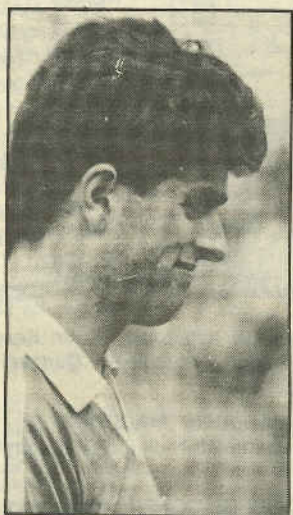


MELBOURNE
FIRST LEG



SOUTH MELBOURNE v
SYDNEY OLYMPIC

OLYMPIC PARK
WEDNESDAY 8PM



□ TONY DAKOS



□ GARY MEIER



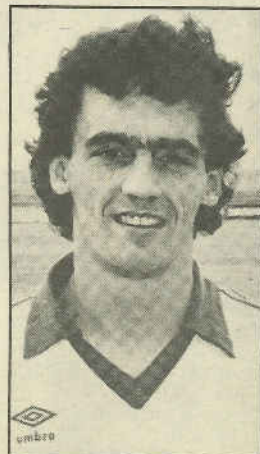
□ PETER KATHOLOS



□ CHRIS KALANTZIS
in action for Olympic.



□ OSCAR CRINO



□ CHARLIE EGAN



□ ALAN DAVIDSON



SYDNEY
SECOND LEG
SYDNEY OLYMPIC v
SOUTH MELBOURNE

ST GEORGE STADIUM
SUNDAY 3PM



The battle for the Australian NSL Championship

FOOTBALL FUNNIES

BY TOM ANDERSON

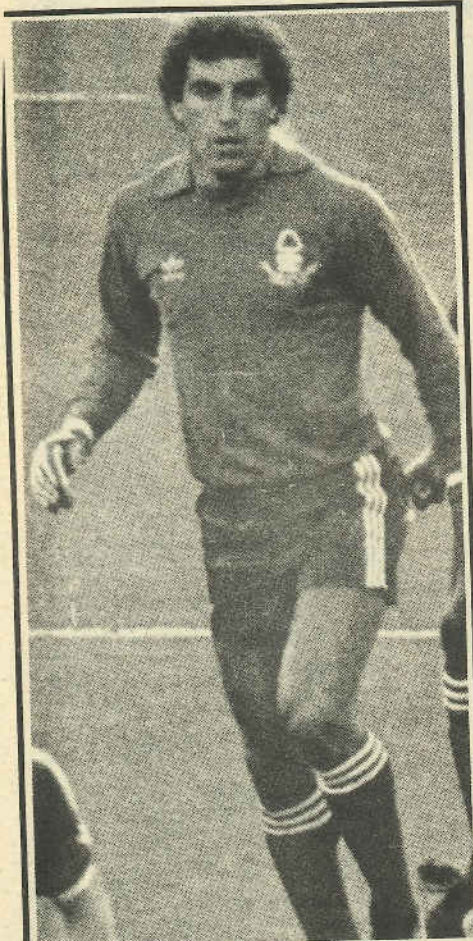
FOOTBALL is a game that is not meant to be funny, but when people within the game start talking about players their comments are sometimes hilarious!

Next month on November 5, publishing company Stanly Paul will release a book of football quotations which includes comments on most of England's leading players.

As this is the time of the year when we can all do with a giggle after a long season, here are some of these quotes on the superstars.

Some of them are also very revealing!

Also, if you like looking at the game from the inside, do yourself a favour and buy this amusing publication as soon as it hits the bookstands.



ON PETER SHILTON: "In terms of dedication and the intensity of preparation for his work, Peter Shilton is the equal of Geoff Boycott. But he has an advantage Geoff does not have, Peter is able to have a day at the races or a bloody good drink now and then." *Lawrie McMenemy 1983.*

ON DENIS LAW: "He was a man's man who could look after himself on the field and off it he was a good professional and stood up for what he thought was right. Matt Busby knew how important he was. When Denis was doubtful the boss would practically be on his hands and knees hoping he could play." *Harry Gregg.*

ON GORDON BANKS: "At that moment I hated Gordon Banks more than any man in Soccer. But when I cooled down I had to applaud him with my heart. It was the greatest save I have ever seen." *Pele after the Brazil v England match at Guadalajara in the 1970 Mexico World Cup Finals.*

PETER STOREY: "From the first time I kicked a ball as a pro 19 years ago, I began to learn what the game was all about. It's about drunken parties that go on for days. The orgies, the birds and the fabulous money. Football is just a distraction — but you're so fit you can carry on with all the high living in secret, and still play the game at the highest level." *Peter Storey 1980.*

ON BOBBY CHARLTON: "I once asked Bobby Charlton for the best way to the training ground, and I'm still waiting for an answer." *Ted MacDougall on his brief and unhappy stay with Manchester United 1974.*

BILL SHANKLY: "Of course a player can have sexual intercourse before a match and play a blinder. But if he did it for six months he'd be a decrepit old man. It takes strength from the body!" *Bill Shankly 1971.*

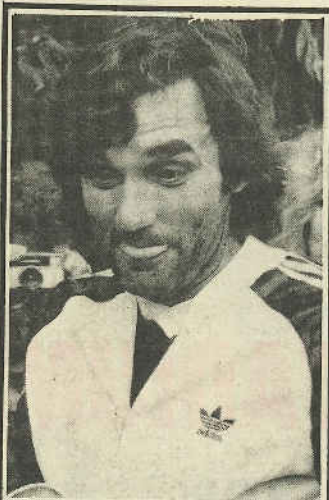
ON STANLEY MATTHEWS: "Stan was unique. He never went for 50-50 balls, didn't score many goals and was not good in the air. But on his day he was unplayable. He beat fellows so easily with such pace and balance, often taking on four or five at a time." *Joe Mercer.*



ON FRANK WORTHINGTON: "The way he's losing his hair he'll be the first bald guy ever to do impressions of Elvis Presley." *Graeme Souness 1984.*

ON ROMEO BENETTI: "I was at a social function with him the other week and it's the first time I've got within ten yards of him that he hasn't kicked me. Even then I kept looking over my shoulder!" *Kevin Keegan 1978.*

ON REMI MOSES: "Half a million for Remi Moses? You could get the original Moses and the tablets for that price!" *Tommy Docherty 1982.*



GEORGE BEST: "I might go to Alcoholics Anonymous, but I think it'd be difficult for me to be anonymous!" *George Best 1980.*



ON KENNY DALGLISH: "I've played against Best, Kempes and Keegan and always had the feeling that if everything went right for me on a particular day, I could keep them fairly quiet. I've never had that feeling of comfort with Dalglish." *John Wile, West Brom defender, 1983.*

SIR HAROLD WILSON (former British Prime Minister): "I know more about football than politics." *Rt Hon Harold Wilson MP 1974.*

FRANK WORTHINGTON: "Most dangerous opponent: My ex-wife." *Frank Worthington in answer to a magazine questionnaire.*

ON LEIGHTON JAMES: "You're very deceptive son — you're even slower than you look." *Tommy Docherty.*

ON KEVIN KEEGAN: "Kevin Keegan is so famous that when we were in the Casbah even the blind men were calling out his name." *Lawrie McMenemy 1983.*

ON KEVIN KEEGAN: "Kevin Keegan is the Julie Andrews of football." *Duncan McKenzie 1981.*

ON MALCOLM MACDONALD: "The best overlapping left-back in the country!" *Rodney Marsh.*

ON GEORGE COHEN: "We used to say about George Cohen 'He's hit more photographers than Frank Sinatra.' George was quick and broke up the flanks exceptionally well, but his final ball was rarely on target. Usually he would hit it into the crowd, or into the photographers." *Bobby Robson in his book 'Time on the Grass' 1982.*



ON TREVOR BROOKING: "Trevor Brooking floats like a butterfly . . . and stings like one. I have never had a high opinion of him as a player. He has been lucky enough to become a member of teams that he shouldn't really have had a sniff at. I believe his lack of application and that of other players like him have meant relegation for West Ham in the past and the failure to win promotion this time." *Brian Clough before the 1981 Cup Final when Brooking scored the winning goal (pictured).*

THE MAN WHO DIDN'T COME TO DINNER!

GEORGE BEST continues to give the impression that he is a famous sportsman bent on a mission of self-destruct.

When several of his friends heard the Irishman was hard-up, they organised a testimonial dinner for him in Stockport.

There were 200 guests at the function, each of whom paid \$22 for the meal.

Two hours after scheduled starting time, there was no sign of guest of honour, George Best.

Then Best's manager phoned to say the wayward footballing genius was still in London and would not be attending.

Jack Trickett, who organised the function, said: "Guests were disappointed, in fact some were disgusted."

Among those guests were comedian Bernard Manning and Best's former Manchester United team-mates Pat Crerand and Wilf McGuinness.

The dinner was expected to raise up to \$3,000 to help Best over his financial problems.

Instead, the cash will now go to a deserving charity.

WARILLA WIN CUP

WARILLA WANDERERS successfully defended the Macedonia Cup when they beat Cringila 3-1 in the final at Kemblawarra Oval.

Eight teams, including three from Sydney, took part in the annual knockout and Warilla proved too strong.

They had to battle hard to win their semi-final 2-1 against Yagoona but always looked comfortable in the final.

Steve Ristevski (two) and Robert Hernandez scored to have Warilla 3-0 at half-time; then Cringila replied with a penalty.

Cringila actually caused a major upset in getting to the final as they accounted for Wollongong Macedonia in the semi-final.

A depleted Wollongong team could only draw 1-1 with Cringila but Cringila went through on penalties.

Cringila coach Darryl Glover will stay with the club next season and has been assured he will have money to attract new players.

"The club spent most of their money on ground improvements over the last two years but now they have that all in order," Glover said.

"I basically need a striker and a central defender to give me a team that will go very well in premier league next season."

Glover is one of Illawarra's keenest young coaches and if hard work gets results he will do well.

BY PHIL MURPHY

looking for an end-of-season trip.

THERE are changes coming up among coaches in premier league teams for the 1985 season.

Most clubs are advertising the jobs as a matter of course but already have the men they want lined up.

One casualty could be Adrian Ringland, who coached West-Figtree this season.

This popular Irishman isn't too popular with a section of the Figtree club after his team missed out on the premier league semi-finals.

Don't be surprised if a former coach is back on deck when training starts early next year. Hugh Tinney has finished his third season with Dapto and is expected to be looking elsewhere.

Dapto had a disastrous season with injuries and suspensions and their move to Dapto Showground was far from a success.

If the club has to move back to Lakelands Oval its premier league status could be in jeopardy.

The ISA said Lakelands Oval isn't suitable as a premier league venue.

Bulli are expected to retain Norm Flanagan as coach while Tony Gill is certain to hold his job at Bellambi.

Fernhill already have asked Gerry Walker to retain his role as coach and he has agreed.

The Warilla Wanderers job could be sought-after with Manuel Leon having finished the season in charge of the first grade side after starting out with the reserves.

Darryl Glover will be back with Cringila again next season

and has big plans for that club.

At Corimal, Dave Mollison did a good job with the players he had available and if he stays on, should have more talent to work with in 1985.

WILL Wollongong Macedonia have another shot at trying to win the NSW Second Division?

That is a question that will be answered in the near future after the club missed out on promotion once again.

They have been trying for seven years and, three times, went to the last game of the season only to have their hopes dashed.

This season, neighbours Fairy Meadow edged them out and some members of the committee are wondering if it is all worthwhile.

They are prepared to go back to Illawarra Soccer but the word is the majority will decide to have another go in Sydney.

Coach John Bingham signed up for a season with an option of another, so his future isn't clear.



JOHN BINGHAM

BIG FOUR IN NORTH

THE top contenders for this year's Northern NSW Player of the Year award are Brett Fawkes (Cardiff), Scott Piggott (West Wallsend), George Rafty (Adamstown Rosebud) and Leigh Sellers (Maitland).

The race for the Coach of the Year award is even tighter. Leading coaches in the running are Warren Anderson (Cardiff), Peter Fairleigh (Adamstown), Ken Kaiser (West Wallsend), Greg Smith (Belmont-Swansea) and J.T. Turnbull (Weston). The winners will be announced at the presentation night on November 30.

This year's club championship went to West Wallsend followed by Adamstown Rosebud and Weston Workers.

The main honours this year went to:

FIRST DIVISION: grand final winners Weston Bears; runners-up West Wallsend; minor premiers Cardiff.

SECOND DIVISION: grand final winners and minor premiers Austral United; runners-up Wallsend.

THIRD DIVISION: grand final winners Lambton Jaffas; runners-up and minor premiers Stockton.

FOURTH DIVISION: grand final winners and minor premiers Tomago Eagles; runners-up Cardiff Railway.

FIFTH DIVISION: grand final winners Kearsley United; runners-up Lambton Rangers; Minor Premiers Thornton Park.

SUBURBAN LEAGUE: grand final winners Morrisett; Section A final winners Morrisett; runners-up Cooks Hill; minor premiers Adamstown United. Section B: final winners and minor premiers Newcastle Mladost; runners-up Wallsend Rovers.

LEADING SCORERS: First Division: Brett Fawkes (Cardiff); Second Division: Anthony Reay (Wallsend); Third Division: Wayne Ford (South Cardiff); Fifth Division: Jacek Kubiak (Tomago Eagles).

It's unjust

I HAVE been following Australian Soccer for 20 years, but this year my interest in the game has quickly deteriorated and I have seriously thought about following another sport.

The reason for this can be attributed to the change in the National League format, which has become an annual event — and the widespread confusion it has caused concerning THE champion club of Australia for 1984.

Shouldn't the champion and runner-up be determined between the top two sides, South Melbourne and Sydney City, playing home and away matches at the end of the season? This would seem the most logical way of solving the problem.

Instead, we have a ridiculous scheme where clubs like Blacktown City and Brisbane Lions who finished a dozen or so points behind the leaders, have a chance to take out the silverware for 1984 and be declared champions.

Poor old South Melbourne and Sydney City who finished on top, receive no trophies for their fans. It's an injustice.

LOUIS NASOPOULOS,
Springvale, VIC.

Slickers fan?

REPORTED disturbances during the Sydney City vs Melita game recently adds another chapter to the ugly incidents this year, many of which involved the Slickers.

Three Sydney City players were sent off against Olympic in March with John Kosmina admitting damaging a dressing room door.

Melita player Stuart Johnson had his jaw broken in June and Kosmina was reported for a gesture to the crowd during the same match.

Peter Tredinnick of Apia had his nose broken during one of the dirtiest matches seen this year.

Another "Rugby" performance by the Slickers against Marconi, with Steve O'Connor being sent off and a crowd disturbance narrowly avoided.

One question that must be asked is how long are the Slickers going get away with such incidents before referees crack down?

FRANK SCIULUNA,
Fairfield, NSW.



READERS FORUM

In this spot every week, we shall publish extracts from readers' letters — good or bad! If you want your opinions aired, please keep letters and postcards short and to the point. Write to The Editor, AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY, PO Box 406, Broadway, 2007.

ASF forgets public

I WOULD appreciate it if this letter could be published in SOCCER WEEKLY, as I believe the public have the future of Soccer in their hands.

All my life I loved Rugby League and used to go to every South Sydney game. Since my kids started playing Soccer, I began to coach and manage their teams, now I live for Soccer and support Parramatta Melita Eagles.

There is one thing that the ASF forgets about, and that is the public. They seem to be running the show without public opinion and are getting nowhere. All they are concerned about is the Socceroos and how Australia fare against foreign teams.

Every year they are open to criticism from the media and other codes. And this year is no different with their relegation rule.

Melita are gone, and like your front page said, it is sad. It's sad for their supporters, but the ASF (NSL) will be the worst hit. If they want crowds back at Soccer, then by relegating the Eagles they have blown it.

I would appreciate a crowd table combining home and away games for all the teams for the entire season and see what sort of money spinners Melita are.

Also the ASF is so secret about decisions. The public seem to never hear of any problems involved in Soccer, but there are plenty of them.

I think the ASF need a big shaking and a bit more sense.

With Inter-Monaro in next year, there will be three Italian-backed teams competing in the Australian Conference, and not one Maltese team.

I say Melita should protest to the highest degree to take their place in the NSL next year.

DOMINIC CEFAL,
Greystanes, NSW.

Bring them back

HOW can teams like Wollongong and Newcastle compare with the outgoing Melita Eagles?

1. Between them, they're in debt to the tune of thousands of dollars. No grounds, no facilities.
2. Wollongong 15 points, Melita Eagles 24 points. Melita already has one of the finest stadiums in the League, and by 1985 will have covered seating for up to 1,500 people.
3. Most important, Melita are in the black.

Bring Melita back.

SOCCER LOVER,
Beaconsfield, NSW.

Calling Reds fans

I AM the secretary of the first branch of the Liverpool FC Supporters Club in Australia.

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Keep up the good work — a nice report from Craig Johnston in a recent issue.

RON SPENCER,
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STEVE O'CONNOR (on ground) sent off by referee Doug Rennie during Sydney City's match against Marconi.

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IT'S TIME

ASSOCIATIONS can use the early part of the off-season to carry out some very worthwhile developmental work.

In fact, each Association can do with a capably staffed development committee, especially in these days of strong competition amongst the various sports.

In many areas, it is useful to look out for potential new clubs, drawn from suburbs not previously covered, schools, churches, Police & Citizens, RSL clubs and migrant organisations.

Quite often the personnel who would do the establishing are amongst existing clubs and are just waiting to be asked.

The establishment of new council sporting grounds will also often point to an opportunity to be exploited.

New areas point to new challenges but often overlooked are the opportunities for progress presented by "old" suburbs.

Many of these have insufficient Soccer clubs. In some cases re-development of property is taking place and a new generation is appearing which would be keen to take up the code.

Similarly, the spread into country areas can be a very significant move towards a far bigger Soccer movement with even brighter prospects in the future.

MARCONI U12S SHOW CLASS

MARCONI Under 12 team proved themselves one of the truly great young teams of the NSW Champion of Champions series.

The youngsters defeated Sydney City in Sunday's final at Parklea, although the young Slickers almost pulled back to 3-2. Coached by former top defender Klaus Okon, the boys have had a magnificent run in these prestigious matches.

Knocked out in the second round on one occasion, in a splendid record they have been runners-up once and three times they have turned out winners.

Greg Ankudinoff, the 1985 NSW U13 coach, said that he has pencilled in five Marconi players for his squad and at least one from Sydney City.

An exciting U18 final went Hoxton Park's way with a 4-3 win over Kissing Point.

The full-time score stood at 2-2. Hoxton Park went ahead 4-2 before Kissing Point pulled back a goal in the second period of extra-time.

Wilhelmina from Blacktown Association disposed of Illawarra's Balgownie U16 team 3-0 in a game that did not reach expected heights.

Canterbury Association's bid to take out three titles collapsed and they had to be satisfied with runners up positions.

Nepean Association celebrated two victories, with Luddenham Croatia showing style for a 2-1 win over Campbelltown in U13 and Penrith RSL overcoming Bankstown Sports 2-0 in U15.

In all-age, Hurstville Memorial RSL defeated Lakemba 4-2, Pendle Hill U21 defeated Marrickville 2-1 and Epping-Eastwood U17 won out 2-1 against Earlwood Wanderers.

The Winston Hills U10 boys reversed a 1983 1-0 loss to Chullora by defeating the well-supported Blacktown United 1-0.

The team did very well in Granville district, beating Baulkham Hills 4-0 in this year's grand final.

This win caps off three victories in five grand final appearances.

On the day the weather was excellent for football and a big crowd in attendance saw some great finals.

The results were:
U8: Lahsvale 1, Rooty Hill RSL 0
U9: Merrylands 2, Revesby Workers 0
U10: Winston Hills 1, Blacktown United 0
U11: Marconi 5, Croatia 1
U12: Marconi 3, Sydney City 1
U13: Luddenham Croatia 2, Campbelltown 1
U14: Chullora 4, Carlingford Redbacks 1
U15: Penrith RSL 2, Bankstown Sports 0
U16: Wilhelmina 3, Balgownie 0
U17: Epping-Eastwood 2, Earlwood 1
U18: Hoxton Park 4, Kissing Point 3
U21: Pendle Hill 2, Marrickville 1
All-Age: Hurstville Memorial RSL 4, Lakemba 2



KELLYVILLE'S SUPER SKILLS

KELLYVILLE Soccer Football Club had a fine record this year in Granville District SFA, with 18 of their 24 teams becoming eligible for the play-offs.

From there, 12 made the semi-finals, nine the finals, seven the grand finals, and five teams ran out as ultimate winners.

Last season club coach, Keith Healey introduced the McDonald's Socceroo Super Skills awards.

The major awards for the club this year went to Angelo Mezzono (Most Improved Player) jointly with David Hynes, George Maddocca (Player of the Year), Graham Fennelli (Goalkeeper of the Year), and Ben Cummings (Most Promising Player from Mini-Soccer).

Coach Healey predicts that Maddocca and Hynes will go places in Australian Soccer.



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BLACKTOWN CLINCH STATE TITLE

BLACKTOWN Association is proud of the record which took it through to win the NSW State U12 title.

It was a first for the district by a Metropolitan Championship or a Youth League representative team.

The team was drawn from three Blacktown dis-

trict clubs. It finished the championship in equal second place with Nepean, just one point behind Granville.

Their results went: v Nepean 3-0 v Western NSW

3-0, v Granville 2-0, v Riverina (Griffith) 4-0, v Southern NSW 1-1.

The team lost its first two Metropolitan Championship rounds and then

strung together 13 wins and two draws.

Local businessman, John Worsfold of AC Duct Air Conditioning had reason to be proud of his support for the boys.



BACK ROW: Darryl Bull, Kevin Fitzgerald, Greg Wigg, Wallen Hall, Scott Elliott, Michael Lenz. **MIDDLE ROW:** Simon Pendlebury, Jason Cooper, Stephen Gauchi, Travis Pollar. **FRONT ROW:** Scott Xuereb, Glen Townsend, Raymond McGrath, David Wagner, Kevin Avery.

GREENWICH WINNERS



GREENWICH U16 won their competition in Ku-ring-gai District Soccer Association in 1984 and were the runners-up in the Secretary's Shield. They also came out winners for the three previous years.

This year their splendid record was 52 goals for and only six against.

BACK ROW: S. Foulas (coach), S. Faithfull, M. Boardman, S. Woods, D. Volpato, G. Rudan, T. Wills. **FRONT ROW:** B. Harris, D. Ridley, S. Klemenic, A. Barnhill, D. Lum, A. Venturino



WESTERN NSW U14S ORANGE: C. Brown, P. Horan, C. Jones, S. Jones, J. Sinclair, A. Stedman, K. Whalan, C. White. **BATHURST:** S. Clarke, R. Crisp, D. Hunter, B. Langford, M. Lappan, C. McGill. **FORBES:** M. Thomas, J. Dunsworth (manager), P. Cole (coach), B. Whalan (strapper).



AVALA BOYS IN FIJI WIN

CONGRATULATIONS to the Avala u16 team who came through without loss to win the Air Pacific Fiji Challenge Cup.

They defeated the strong Combined Suva team 3-1 in the final match, after playing five games in seven days and putting up with a whole host of injuries.

efficient to overcome the Avala boys' superior technical ability.

The team wishes to thank Roger Wellings of

Sportswell Tours in Sydney, who left nothing to chance and also the Fiji Football Federation for staging the tournament.

SENIOR LINK

THE Gladesville-Hornsby Youth League teams will forge a closer than ever bond with their Second Division club, which ran fifth in the NSW Div 2 this year.

Director of Coaching, John McDonald is extremely happy over arrangements made and also with the calibre of the squad coaches available. All hold ASF grade 2 certificates.

McDonald himself was a fine goalkeeper and coached Normanhurst Boys High School to successive Tasman Cup (now Commonwealth

Bank Soccer Cup) wins.

Ray Thomson, at one time with Melita and Prague, has the U13s Greg Kokovidis, once with Sydney Olympic lower grades, is in charge of the 14s.

Gladesville-Hornsby first grade 'keeper Paul Van Dee Leeden has the 15s and experienced Tony Clair the 16s.



During the season Avala narrowly missed a spot in the NSW Youth League u16 semifinals.

They went to Fiji minus four of the original u16 squad who were unavailable, and added two u15.

The tropical climate, unfavourable ground conditions and very enthusiastic and physically strong opponents in the end were insuf-

THE JUBILANT AVALA TEAM PROUDLY SHOW THE CUP THEY HAVE JUST WON.
BACK ROW: Alex Okladnikov, Steve Sigmund, Ricky Rovers. MIDDLE ROW: Craig Mansfield, Peter Sulzer, Didier Serret, Michael Schmitz. FRONT ROW: Milan Blagojevic, Craig Gray, Glen McGregor, Anthony Thompson, Vladan Radic.

RIVERINA'S BIG MATCH

THE Riverina representative team will have to raise its performance to extend the Young Socceroos in Albury and Wagga this weekend.

With some potential Australian Youth players in Singapore for the Merlion Cup, coaches Ron Smith and Bruce Stowell have selected some outstanding talent to strengthen their squad.

Saturday's game at Greenfield Park, Albury, will be preceded by Albury-Wodonga v the Victorian Youth team.

On Sunday at Eric Weissel Oval, Wagga, the programme includes: 8.50am, U11 Wagga v Illawarra; 10am, U19 Northern Riverina v Albury; noon, U19 Griffith v Dubbo.

Doug Rennie and Tony Boskovic will be the referees.

MELITA REPLIES

THE Melita Eagles Youth Committee have advised that they do not know the reasons why the U16 Tasmanian tour failed to eventuate.

The team was due to go to the Apple Isle from September 28/October 3, and was the subject of an ASW article on September 25.

Secretary Peter Morgan advises that the proposed tour was completely unofficial and in no way connected to Melita Soccer Club.

However, he allowed that most of the players were registered with the club, which had requested

that the indemnity form carry information to the effect that the tour was "unofficial."

The committee had agreed to the organiser borrowing a Melita strip and gear.

ASW was assured that the indemnity form was set up on legal advice. It would seem that the inclusion of the word "unofficial" was the rock on which the proposed trip perished.

DEMONS SIGN LEE

BLACKTOWN CITY Soccer club has arrived at a very sensible conclusion to its development programme by signing David Lee as its 1985 coach for the under 13 group.

As previously reported The Parents Action Group and the club were in a stand-off position.

All, however, has been resolved and the club is happy to carry on with its highly credentialled development coach.

The other move sees Vic Renkovetsky, aided by specialist lecturers from time to time, handling the entire Youth League group.

The Demons are obviously determined to follow up on their success in reaching the elimination

play-off of the National Soccer League in their first year back in the competition.

Pictured are two of Lee's charges, who are clearly up in the air over 1985 prospects. Left is Brad Moloney and right is Glenn Johnson.

CROATIA DEAKIN

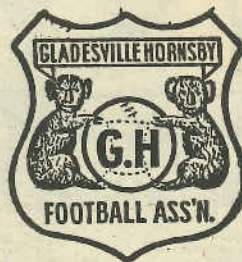
THESE boys from Croatia Deakin U10/2 not only won their premiership this year, it is their fourth win running and they are undefeated over those four years.
In 1984 they won their entire 18 games with a 81-4 goal record.



BACK ROW: Stjepan Tomas (manager), Mato Tijan, Phillip Domazet, Paul Pozgaj, Peter Kisgeorge, Frank Jovic, Tomislav Tomas, Ivan Jurkovic, Drago Domazet (coach). FRONT ROW: Zvonimir Rakic, Robert Safran, Tomislav Tijan, Dario Tanfara, Peter Ivanincic, David Millin.

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RESULTS ARE SWEET, NOT SOUR, ON CHINA TOUR

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

AUSTRALIA's Womens' Soccer team kicked off their tournament in Xian City, China, with some sweet results.

Bracketed in Group B with Australia are the USA and the two Chinese sides, Tian Jin and Shang XI.

Australia won the first match against Tian Jin 3-1 with goals from Northern NSW striker Renaye Iserief (two) and NSW's rapt dancing midfielder, Kim Lembryk. This match was watched by a crowd of 20,000.

In their second match against the USA team, again played in front of a huge crowd, Australia scrambled home by the slenderest of margins, 1-0.

National captain and Queensland's experienced midfielder Julie Dolan smashed home the winner.

This match was very physical and our girls found the Americans quite hard opponents. Australia's vice-captain Susan Monteath suffered a gash on her foot which required stitches after the game.

Australia's last match in their Group was against the highly-fancied Shang XI last Friday and the Aussie girls got up again, this time 3-2.

But after Australia had taken a quick 2-0 lead, with

CUP SQUAD ANNOUNCED

JIM SELBY, Australia's coach, has released the names of the national squad to tour Taiwan in December for the unofficial Women's World Cup.

Surprise omissions were Karen Menzies and Barbara Webster from Northern NSW.

Coming into the Australian squad for the first time is Northern NSW's diminutive 17-year-old goalkeeper, Debra Bonshore.

Bonshore, who plays for Toronto in Newcastle and is in her last year at school, impressed Selby at the recent national titles in Canberra.

The squad of 16 includes eight players from NSW, five from Queensland, two from Northern NSW and one from Victoria.

The squad is: V.Salmons, K.Theile, M.Langlar, R.Van Bruinessen, M.Petrov, R.Withers, C.Heydon, L.Wardell (NSW); K.Dunlop, K.Millman, J.Millman, J.Dolan, S.Monteath (Qld); D.Bonshore, H.Watts (NSW); J.Oakley (Vic).

Assistant coach is Queensland's State national champions coach Fred Robbins and the team manageress is ACT's Heather Reid.

Australia flies out for Taiwan on December 3.

goals from Leigh Wardell in the fifth minute and Helen Watts in the 10th, the Shang team hit back very strongly to lock the scores at 2-2 by half-time.

Australia had great difficulty breaking the deadlock, and coach Jim Selby made a double change for

the second half.

Striker Wardell and midfielder Watts were replaced by the Northern NSW "connection" Iserief (the tour's leading goalscorer) and the experienced, powerful midfielder Julie Porter.



□ JULIE PORTER

Porter and Iserief combined well in the 75th minute for Iserief to crash home Australia's third and match-winning goal to send Australia rocketing to the top of Group B.

Australia now meets Japan in the semi-final.

The Australian women's team is due back in Sydney next Thursday, November 1, on Cathay Pacific.



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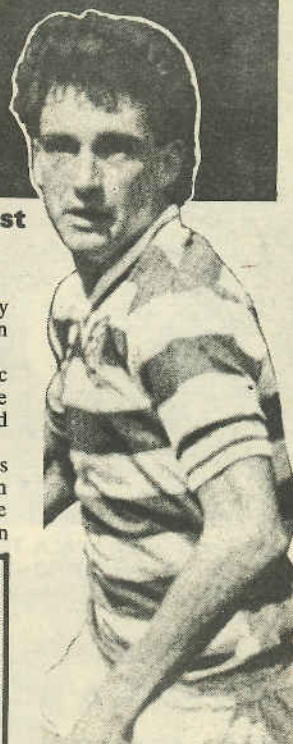
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WORLD CUP ACCORDING TO PLAN



THERE was a burst of World Cup activity in Europe last week when nine elimination matches were played.

With some of the big shots drawn against minnows, it was no surprise when most results went according to plan.

But it was a bad night for Wales — beaten 3-0 by Spain in Seville.

This was the second defeat in two Cup matches for the Welshmen and it will now need a super effort by coach Mike England and his players to join the elite qualifiers for Mexico in 1986.

Spain's match-winning goalscorers were Rincon, Carrasco and Butragueno.

This match was in European group Seven and was of particular interest to Australia.

If the Socceroos can survive their Oceania group eliminations, they will have to play the runner-up in European group Seven. Scotland and Spain are joint leaders of that group, with identical records... a win apiece and a goals tally of 3-0.

Iceland are third, also on two points, but they have a win and a defeat in their record.

Wales desperately need to beat Iceland when they meet on November 14.

If the Welshmen are in

danger of early elimination, England and Scotland both survived the opening round with good victories.

England accounted for Finland 5-0 at Wembley while the Scots were beating Iceland 3-0 at Hampden Park.

Mark Hateley, now playing for A.C. Milan in Italy, was the English hero, get-

ting two of the goals.

Other scorers were Tony Woodcock, Bryan Robson and Kenny Sansom.

Paul McStay of Celtic was Scotland's man of the match against Iceland and the scorer of two goals.

West Germany was struggling against Sweden in Cologne until substitute Uwe Rahn was brought on



□ PAUL McSTAY with a quarter of an hour to go and, with his first kick, gave the home side a 1-0 lead.

Just before the final whistle, Karl Heinz Rummenigge added another to give the Germans their 2-0 win.

One of the best results on a busy night was Hungary's 2-1 victory against Holland in Rotterdam.

Although Holland has slipped from top form in recent years, the Hungarians were well pleased with this success away from home.

□ KARL HEINZ RUMMENIGGE: late goal.

RESULTS

Poland beat Greece 3-1 in their group one match in Zabrze.

Scorers: Poland — Wlodzimirz Smolarek (61st minute), Darjusz Dzienkanowski (63rd and 79th). Greece — Mitropoulos (34th minute).

Attendance: 15,000.

Belgium beat Albania 3-1 in their group one match in Brussels.

Scorers: Belgium — Claesen (59th min), Scifo (84th), Voordeckers (88th). Albania — Omuri (69th).

Attendance: 12,000.

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Belgium	1	0	0	3	1	2
Poland	1	0	0	3	1	2
Greece	0	0	1	1	3	0
Albania	0	0	1	1	3	0

Next match: Poland v Albania, October 31.

West Germany beat Sweden 2-0 in their group two qualifying match in Cologne.

Scorers: Uwe Rahn (75th min), Karl-Heinz Rummenigge (88th).

Attendance: 60,000.

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Portugal	2	0	0	3	1	4
W Germany	1	0	0	2	0	2
Sweden	1	0	2	4	3	2
Czech	0	0	1	1	2	0
Malta	0	0	1	0	4	0

Next match: Czechoslovakia v Malta, Oct 31.

England beat Finland 5-0 in their group three qualifying match at Wembley.

Scorers: Mark Hateley (29th, 49th mins), Tony Woodcock (40th), Bryan Robson (69th), Ken Sansom (87th).

Attendance: 47,234.

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
England	1	0	0	5	0	2
N Ireland	1	0	1	3	3	2
Finland	1	0	1	1	5	2
Romania	0	0	1	2	3	0
Turkey	0	0	0	0	0	0

Next match: Turkey v Finland, October 31.

Yugoslavia beat East Germany 3-2 in a World Cup European group four match.

Scorers: East Germany — Glowatzky (12th minute), Ernst (50).

Yugoslavia — Bazdarevic (30), Vokri (48), Sestic (80).

Attendance: 63,000.

Yugoslavia	1	1	0	3	2	3
France	1	0	0	4	0	2
Bulgaria	0	1	0	0	0	1
E Germany	0	0	1	2	3	0
Luxembourg	0	0	1	0	4	0

Next match: Luxembourg v East Germany, November 17.

Hungary beat the Netherlands 2-1 in a group five match in Rotterdam.

Scorers: Netherlands — Wim Kieft (19 minutes). Hungary — Lajos Detari (24th), Marton Esterhazy (55th).

Attendance: 55,000.

Norway beat Ireland 1-0 in their group six match in Oslo.

Scorer: Pal Jacobsen (42nd min).

Attendance: 12,468.

Switzerland beat Denmark 1-0 in a World Cup group six match in Berne.

Scorer: Umberto Barberis (42nd minute).

Attendance: 36,000.

Switzerland	2	0	0	2	0	4
Norway	1	1	2	2	3	3
Denmark	1	0	1	1	1	2
Ireland	1	0	1	1	1	2
Soviet Union	0	1	1	1	2	1

Next match: Denmark v Ireland, Nov 14.

Scotland beat Iceland 3-0 in their group seven qualifying match in Glasgow.

Scorers: Paul McStay (25th, 40th mins), Charlie Nicholas (74th).

Attendance: 52,829.

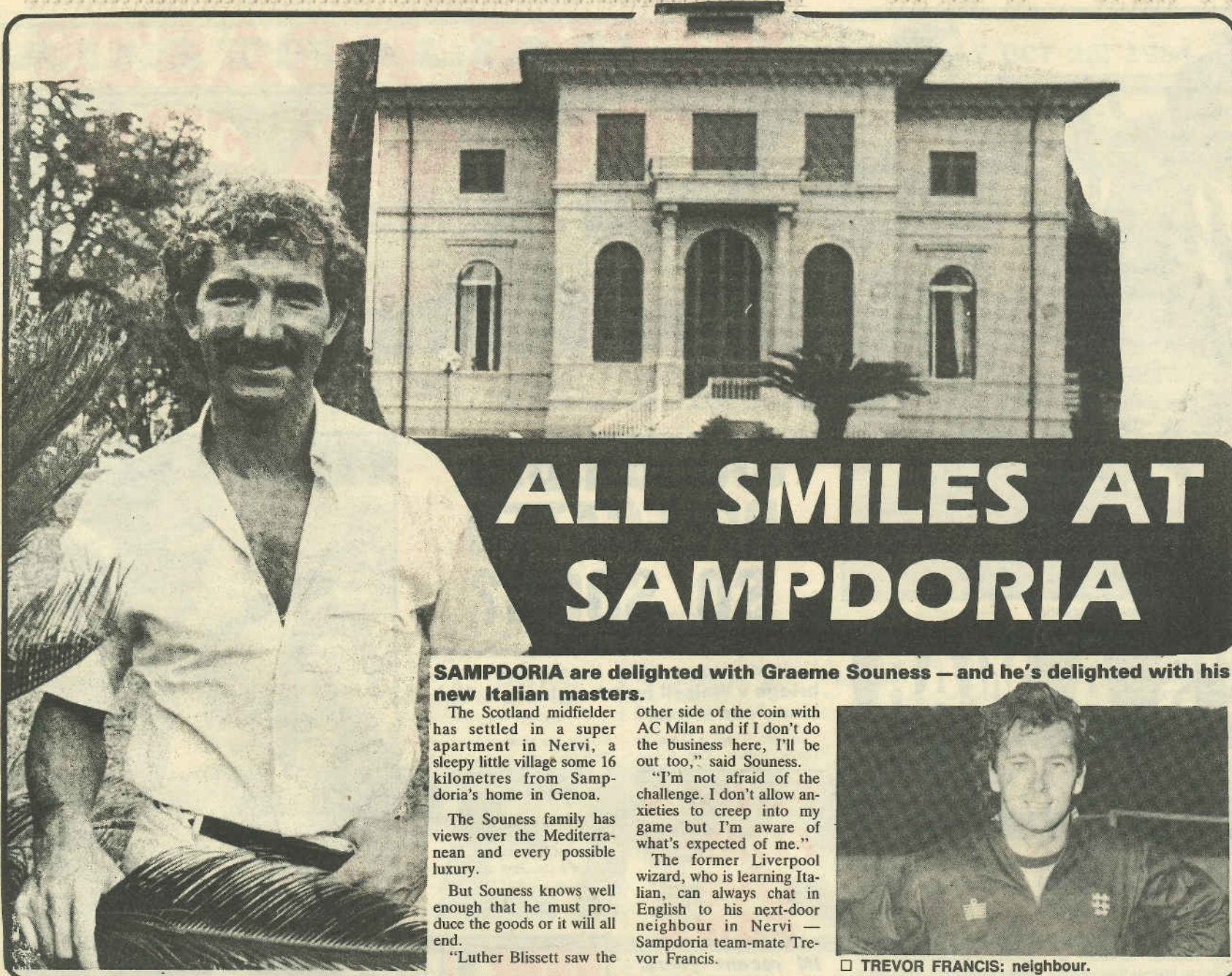
Spain beat Wales 3-0 in their group seven match in Seville.

Scorers: Hipolito Rincon (7th min), Francisco Carrasco (83rd), Emilio Butragueno (90th).

Attendance: 45,000.

Scotland	1	0	0	3	0	2
Spain	1	0	0	3	0	2
Iceland	1	0	1	1	3	2
Wales	0	0	2	0	4	0

Next matches: Scotland v Spain and Wales v Iceland, November 14.



ALL SMILES AT SAMPDORIA

SAMPDORIA are delighted with Graeme Souness — and he's delighted with his new Italian masters.

The Scotland midfielder has settled in a super apartment in Nervi, a sleepy little village some 16 kilometres from Sampdoria's home in Genoa.

The Souness family has views over the Mediterranean and every possible luxury.

But Souness knows well enough that he must produce the goods or it will all end.

"Luther Blissett saw the

other side of the coin with AC Milan and if I don't do the business here, I'll be out too," said Souness.

"I'm not afraid of the challenge. I don't allow anxieties to creep into my game but I'm aware of what's expected of me."

The former Liverpool wizard, who is learning Italian, can always chat in English to his next-door neighbour in Nervi — Sampdoria team-mate Trevor Francis.



□ TREVOR FRANCIS: neighbour.

McGHEE MAKES MARK

SV HAMBURG are delighted with their signing from Aberdeen, Mark McGhee.

McGhee clinched UEFA Cup success for Hamburg against Southampton with a header which reminded German fans of Kevin Keegan at his best.

The 27 year-old forward is enjoying his new career with Hamburg — and why not after scoring three goals in three successive matches?

"The German fans have been marvellous and I hope my form wins me a place in the Scottish international team," said McGhee.

"I have no regrets about leaving Scotland for Germany," he added.

GERMANS LIKE GOALIES

THE GERMANS evidently appreciate good goalkeeping.

West Germany's "player of the year" was Toni Schumacher, now captain of the national team.

In East Germany, meanwhile, Bodo Rudwaleit of Dynamo Berlin was crowned "player of the year."

Bodo, like Toni, is a goalkeeper.

HUNGARY BRIBE SCANDAL

ANOTHER Soccer bribery scandal. Attila Kovacs, who was Hungary's goalkeeper in Budapest last year when England beat them 3-0, has been suspended for ... 10 years.

It is alleged Kovacs took bribes to concede goals!

SOCRATES SCARE

SOCRATES, captain of Brazil's World Cup side now playing in Italy for Fiorentina, has a heart problem.

As a doctor, Socrates is well able to diagnose the condition!

He insists the heart ailment does not affect his football in any way and, judging by his more than 50 appearances in international matches, he would seem to be right about that.

"All this is laughable," said the great man. "Yes, I have a minor condition but it presents no problem to my playing career and does not hamper me in any way."

Fiorentina paid huge money to buy Socrates from Corinthians in Brazil and they may be getting a little worried about their investment.

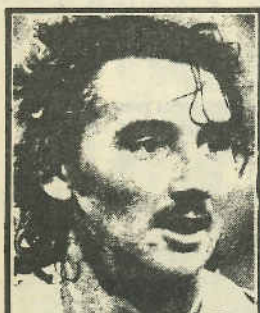
But if they are, Corinthians will be delighted to buy back Socrates.

Corinthians president Pires told the Italians: "If Fiorentina don't want him, we would welcome him back. Socrates is a great player and we only sold him because it was his wish."

PORTUGAL'S MICKEY IS IRISH WINNER

PORTUGAL supplied a match-winner for the Republic of Ireland in the Irishmen's 1-0 win against Russia at Lansdowne Road, Dublin.

The only goal of the game came midway through the second half from Mickey Walsh.



□ MICKEY WALSH

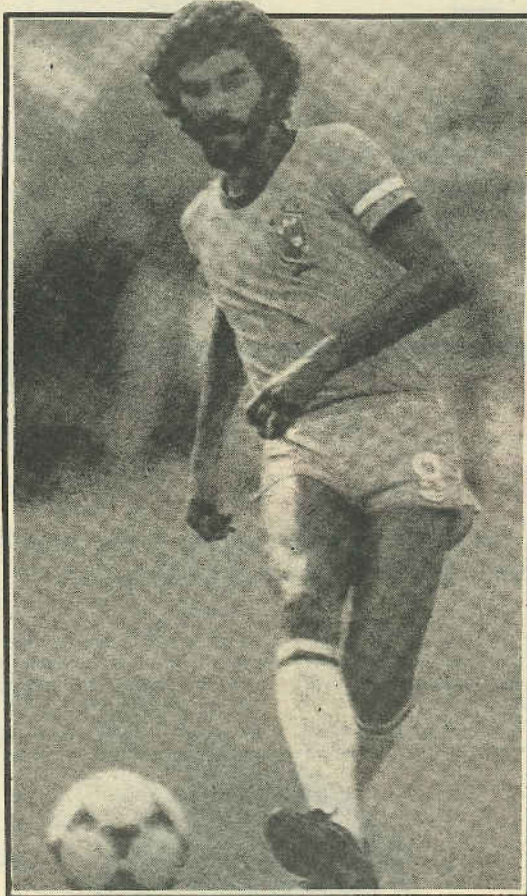
Mickey, formerly with Everton and Blackpool, is now playing for Porto in Portugal.

Ireland's surprise win upset a Russian team which has lost only three matches in its last 39.

Another Irishman from the European continent, Liam Brady (Inter Milan), was the star of the night.

In mass assaults on the Irish goal, the Russians rattled the crossbar and an upright in the closing five minutes but Mark Lawrenson of Liverpool performed brilliantly in defence to hold out the opposition.

THE WORLD GAME



ITALIAN COACH IS VERY ILL

GIANCARLODE SISTI, coach of Italy's Fiorentina, is seriously ill.

The 41 year-old former Italian international, who was in Italy's squad at the 1970 World Cup and the 1968 European Championship, has had an operation for brain haemorrhage.

De Sisti will be in hospital for two months.

OVERSEAS RESULTS

WEST GERMANY

Bremen v Hamburg	5-2
Bielefeld v M'gladbach	3-3
Bayern v Ein F'turt	4-2
Dortmund v Karlsruhe	0-2
Cologne v Dusseldorf	4-2
K'lautern v Leverkusen	3-3
Uerdingen v Schalke	1-1
Brunswick v Bochum	1-3

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bayern	8	0	1	23	9	16
M'gladbach	4	3	2	29	18	11
Bremen	4	3	2	25	18	11
K'lautern	3	4	1	16	12	10
Leverkusen	3	4	2	18	16	10
Hamburg	3	4	2	15	14	10
Ein F'turt	3	4	2	19	20	10

ITALY

Ascoli v Atalanta	0-0
Cremone v Juventus	1-3
F'tina v Avellino	1-0
Inter v Como	1-0
Napoli v Milan	0-0
Roma v Verona	0-0
Torino v Lazio	1-0
Udinese v S'doria	1-0

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Verona	4	2	0	9	2	10
Torino	4	1	1	8	3	9
F'tina	3	2	1	7	2	8
Sampdoria	3	2	1	7	3	8
Milan	2	4	0	7	5	8
Inter	2	4	0	6	4	8

FRANCE

Lens v Bordeaux	2-1
Auxerre v Tours	1-0
Laval v Lille	1-1
Monaco v Nancy	1-0
Metz v Bastia	1-0
Sochaux v Paris-SG	4-1
Rouen v Brest	2-2
Marseilles v Toulouse	2-1
Strasbourg v Toulon	0-1
Nantes v Racing C	2-1

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bordeaux	9	3	1	26	9	21
Nantes	10	1	2	25	11	21
Auxerre	6	5	2	19	11	17
Monaco	6	3	4	25	14	15
Laval	5	5	3	17	16	15

SPAIN

Valencia v At Madrid	0-0
Hercules v Murcia	2-1
Sevilla v Espanol	0-0
Re Madrid v Malaga	0-0
Bilbao v Elche	0-0
Racing v Zaragoza	1-1
Sporting v Betis	1-1
Barcelona v Sociedad	1-1
Valladolid v Osasuna	2-3

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Barcelona	5	2	0	14	3	12
Valencia	4	2	1	11	2	10
At Madrid	4	2	1	8	3	10
Sevilla	4	2	1	7	5	10
Sporting	2	4	1	5	3	8
Osasuna	3	2	2	10	8	8
Betis	2	4	1	7	6	8
Hercules	3	2	2	7	9	8

POLAND

Leg Warsaw v Lks Lodz	3-0
Go Zabrze v Ruch Chorzow	1-0
Katowice v Radomsk	1-0
Wid Lodz v L Gdansk	0-0
Ba Gdynia v Z S'wiec	1-1
Go W'zch v P Szczecin	2-1
S Wroclaw v L Poznan	1-2
M Lublin v Wis Cracow	0-0

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Leg Warsaw	7	3	1	19	7	17
Go Zabrze	6	3	2	9	3	15
Lech Poznan	4	7	0	12	7	15
Wid Lodz	4	6	1	9	4	14
Zag S'wiec	3	6	2	13	12	12
Ra Radom	4	3	4	11	10	11

HUNGARY

Honved v Videoton	0-1
Csepel v Debrecen	0-1
Szombathely v Ujpest	1-0
Szeged v Raba Eto	1-2
F'varos v Pecs	0-1
Mtk Vm v B'osaba	3-0
Tatabanya v Eger	2-0
Zgerszeg v Vasas	1-0

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Videoton	6	1	1	15	6	13
Pecs	5	1	2	12	7	11
Honved	5	1	2	9	4	11
Tatabanya	4	2	2	14	6	10
Csepel	5	0	3	10	5	10

GREECE

P'naikos v Ap Athens	4-0
AEK v Pierikos	7-2
Panionios v Anis	1-1
Egaleo v Doxa	1-2
PAOK v O'piakos	1-0
Kalamarias v Panachaiki	1-0
Larisa v Iraklis	3-2
OFI v Ethnikos	0-0

Nigeria beat Liberia 3-0 in a World Cup qualifying match in Lagos.

Scorers: Humphrey Edozor (7th, 15th mins), Ademola Adeshina (68th). Crowd: 90,000.



□ TERRY McDERMOTT (left) on the ball for Newcastle.

THERE'S A WAR AT NEWCASTLE

THERE is war going on between Newcastle boss Jackie Charlton and his England international midfielder Terry McDermott.

Charlton decided to settle the matter by whipping McDermott on the free transfer list.

In the Newcastle match programme recently, Charlton hit back at his un-

settled player.

"He gets a free transfer only because no club is willing to give us money for him," said Charlton.

Earlier, McDermott had stated: "After meeting

Charlton I knew I could never play for him. His ideas on football are completely different from mine. He even had the cheek to ask me to change my style of play."

BIG MAL BITES THE DUST

MALCOLM ALLISON, barred by FIFA from all football management until he pays a long-standing fine of \$400, is flat broke and in plenty of trouble.

The cigar-smoking, champagne-drinking, Big Mal hasn't worked since July and is now drawing the dole.

In July, he was sacked from a football job in the USA and had to leave the country after a drink-driving offence.

Allison's wife, former Bunny girl Sally Allison, said: "He can't afford to pay his fine. He is drawing the dole. He hasn't paid me a bean since I kicked him out of our home in January."

His ex-landlord has confiscated the family furniture over an unpaid heating bill

of \$2,000.

Allison is living with a schoolteacher, Lynn Salton.

It is a sad story about a man who is still rated one of the top 10 coaches in Europe.

WEMBLEY — WAS IT WORTH IT?

WATFORD surprised a lot of critics by reaching the Cup Final at Wembley this year but they are not playing like a Cup Final team now.

Manager Graham Taylor now says the Wembley appearance could be to blame for many of the club's problems.

"Wembley caused the players and me more trouble than anyone realised," he said.

"There we were, with all the razzamatazz of the Cup Final. Players were wanted for international honours — but we hadn't even worked at the basics.

"Now basics are getting us into trouble right, left and centre. I knew then what would happen — I could see it coming.

"A few of the players feel like stars. They want to make themselves look pretty but I feel like removing the mirrors from the dressing room."

How has the owner of

the Watford team, entertainer Elton John, reacted to the disastrous start to 1984-85?

"I haven't spoken to him

for seven weeks, but I got a message through his agent with the advice to keep fighting and keep the chin up," said Graham Taylor.



□ MALCOLM ALLISON



□ GRAHAM TAYLOR: blames Wembley.

WITHE ROASTS YOUNGSTERS

PETER WITHE, the Aston Villa and England centre-forward, has lashed out at his fellow professionals in a newspaper series.

Withe, who came up the hard way, feels a lot of young players in England are not really committed to football and they take their wealth and fame for granted.

Withe writes: "Sometimes I look around, even during big matches, and

wonder if some players are giving 100 per cent. Or are they thinking about where they will drink after the game, which disco they'll head for and which bird they'll pull at night?

"It would shock a lot of fans if they knew the at-

titude of some kids who think big money and fame are their divine right before they're out of their teens.

"They drive around in free, sponsored, cars — and I didn't get my first car until I was 28.

"I'm still learning about

football and I'm 33. But you don't see young players going back to the ground in the afternoon for extra training."

There is more, much more, of this kind of criticism. But will the young players listen?

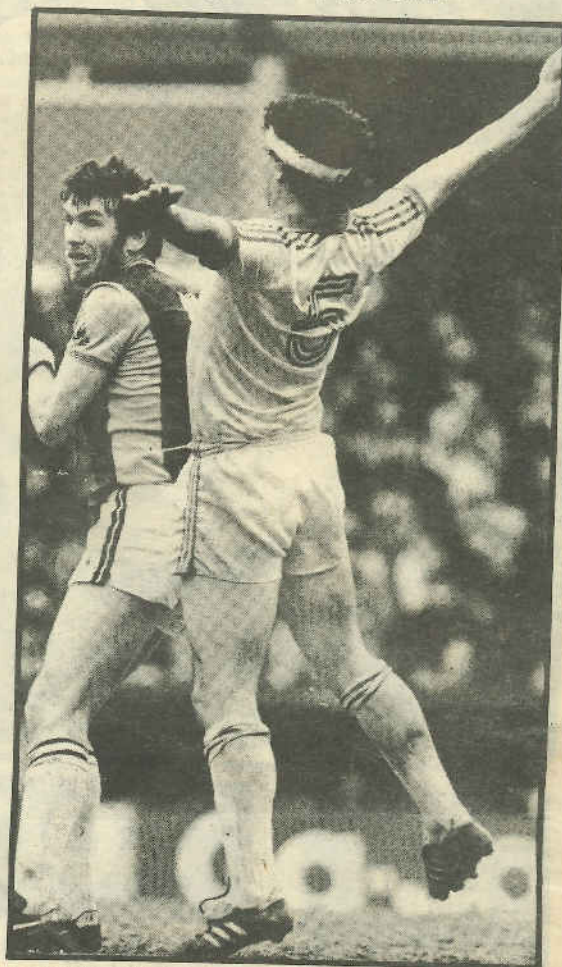
CAMBRIDGE RELEGATED SO SOON?

WAS it prophetic when the Cambridge United programme listed the Cambridge v Walsall match as being a Division Four fixture?

In fact, it was a Division Three match. But Cam-

bridge are anchored in bottom spot and appear to be heading for the fourth division in a hurry.

Nothing goes right for the varsity city team. That Walsall match produced Cambridge's smallest crowd for 10 years, just 1,907 spectators.



□ PETER WITHE (left): still learning.

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Arsenal	11	8	1	2	25	13	25
Sheff Wed	11	6	3	2	24	14	21
Manchester Un	11	6	3	2	20	9	20
Everton	11	6	2	3	19	18	20
Tottenham	11	6	1	4	21	11	19
Notts Forest	11	5	3	3	20	15	18
West Ham	11	5	3	3	17	18	18
Southampton	11	4	4	3	15	14	16
Newcastle	11	4	4	3	21	21	16
Ipswich	11	4	3	4	15	15	14
QPR	10	3	6	2	14	12	15
Sunderland	11	3	5	3	15	15	14
Aston Villa	11	4	2	5	17	22	14
Chelsea	11	3	4	4	13	11	13
West Bromwich	11	3	3	5	17	16	12
Luton	11	3	3	5	15	21	12
Liverpool	11	2	5	4	12	14	11
Norwich	11	2	5	4	14	18	11
Coventry	11	2	3	6	8	14	9
Leicester	11	2	3	6	13	27	9
Watford	11	1	4	6	20	26	7
Stoke	10	1	4	5	11	22	7

ENGLISH DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Oxford	10	8	1	1	26	9	25
Blackburn	11	7	3	1	24	9	24
Portsmouth	11	7	3	1	18	10	24
Birmingham	11	8	0	3	16	8	24
Brighton	11	6	1	4	15	8	24
Shrewsbury	11	6	1	4	22	16	19
Barnsley	11	5	3	3	13	7	18
Brimsby	11	6	0	5	20	18	18
Fulham	11	6	0	5	18	19	18
Man City	11	5	2	4	15	11	17
Leeds	11	5	1	5	18	12	16
Wimbledon	11	5	1	5	20	21	16
Charlton	11	4	3	4	18	13	15
Oldham	11	4	2	5	12	21	14
Middlesbrough	11	4	1	6	16	21	13
Huddersfield	11	3	3	5	10	17	12
Wolves	11	3	2	6	16	23	11
Carlisle	11	3	2	6	7	19	11
Sheff Utd	11	2	4	5	16	22	10
Crystal Palace	10	2	1	7	9	16	7
Cardiff	11	2	0	9	13	25	6
Notts County	11	2	0	9	11	28	6

ENGLISH DIVISION THREE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bristol Rovers	11	7	3	1	16	7	24
Millwall	11	7	2	2	22	11	23
York	11	6	3	2	17	11	21
Bradford	11	6	2	3	11	7	20
Bristol City	11	5	3	3	16	13	18
Rotherham	11	5	3	3	15	12	18
Brentford	10	5	2	3	15	9	17
Doncaster	11	5	2	4	18	13	17
Derby	11	5	2	4	17	13	17
Reading	11	5	2	4	15	12	17
Gillingham	11	5	2	4	19	19	17
Hull	11	4	4	3	12	10	16
Walsall	11	4	4	3	16	15	16
Bolton	11	4	1	6	21	18	13
Newport	10	3	4	3	10	10	13
Wigan	11	3	3	5	7	13	12
Preston	11	4	0	7	13	25	12
Burnley	11	2	5	4	13	17	11
Plymouth	11	2	5	4	18	24	11
Lincoln	10	2	4	4	11	11	10
Bournemouth	11	2	4	5	9	13	10
Swansea	11	3	1	7	12	20	10
Orient	11	3	1	7	11	20	10
Cambridge	10	1	2	7	9	20	5

ENGLISH DIVISION FOUR

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chesterfield	11	8	2	1	24	10	26
Hereford	11	8	2	1	19	6	26
Bury	11	7	3	1	18	8	24
Peterborough	11	6	3	2	16	8	21
Darlington	11	5	5	1	18	8	20
Port Vale	11	5	3	3	13	11	18
Colchester	11	5	3	3	22	21	18
Hartlepool	11	5	3	3	15	15	18
Crewe	11	6	0	5	16	17	18
Blackpool	11	4	5	2	14	10	17
Mansfield	11	4	3	4	9	9	15
Tranmere	11	5	0	6	16	17	15
Southend	11	3	5	3	13	13	14
Stockport	11	3	4	4	14	15	13
Chester	11	3	4	4	14	16	13
Swindon	11	3	3	5	14	17	12
Exeter	11	3	3	5	14	19	12
Scunthorpe	11	2	4	5	18	19	10
Wrexham	11	2	4	5	17	21	10
Torquay	11	2	4	5	10	15	10
Northampton	12	3	1	8	13	21	10
Rochdale	11	2	3	6	9	17	9
Aldershot	11	2	2	7	10	19	8
Halifax	10	2	0	8	4	18	6

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Aberdeen	11	9	1	1	27	6	19
Celtic	11	7	4	0	21	7	18
Rangers	11	6	4	1	11	2	16
St Mirren	11	5	1	5	11	13	11
Hearts	11	5	0	6	11	16	10
Dundee United	11	4	1	6	13	15	9
Dumbarton	11	3	2	6	11	14	8
Dundee	11	3	1	7	15	19	7
Hibernian	11	3	1	7	11	19	7
Morton	11	2	1	8	9	29	5

SCOTTISH DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Airdrie	11	9	0	2	22	9	18
Clydebank	11	6	3	2	18	8	15
Motherwell	11	6	2	3	18	12	14
Forfar	11	6	1	4	23	14	13
Brechin	11	5	2	4	17	14	12
Hamilton	11	5	2	4	15	14	12
Ayr	11	3	5	3	12	11	11
East Fife	11	2	6	3	19	20	10
Clyde	11	2	5	4	17	18	9
Falkirk	11	4	1	6	19	25	9
Partick	11	2	4	5	11	15	8
Meadowbank	11	2	4	5	16	21	8
Kilmarnock	11	3	2	6	9	25	8
St Johnstone	11	3	1	7	16	26	7

SCOTTISH DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
Dunfermline	11	9	1	1	25	6	19	
Alloa	11	7	0	4	0	17	6	19
Montrose	11	8	0	3	7	12	16	
Stenhousemuir	11	4	4	3	11	12	12	
Cowdenbeath	11	3	5	3	19	13	11	
Queen of South	11	3	5	3	17	16	11	
Berwick	11	4	2	5	13	13	10	
Stranraer	11	5	0	6	13	13	10	
Queens Park	11	4	1	6	18	21	9	
Raith Rovers	11	3	3	5	12	17	9	
Albion	11	4	1	6	15	21	9	
Airbroath	11	3	2	6	10	18	8	
Stirling	11	2	3	6	12	15	7	
East Stirling	11	0	5	6	12	22	5	